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FOR STATE/AID

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: CAMBODIA RICE NEEDS

REF: (A) STATE 208794

(B) PHNOM PENH 11506

1. WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO ARRANGE FIRM CONTRACTS FOR NEW KEELUNG AND ENDURANCE PER REF A. WILL ADVISE AS SOON AS ARRANGEMENTS COMPLETE. THAT TOTAL 8,800 M/T KOREAN RICE NEEDED IMMEDIATELY IN CAMBODIA.

2. THAT AMOUNT OF KOREAN RICE WILL OFFER A BRIEF RESPITE, BUT WE WILL NEED TO PROCEED WITH THE BALANCE OF THE 20,000 M/TS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THE 8,800 M/T RICE FROM KOREA REPRESENTS APPROXIMATELY 13 DAYS SUPPLY FOR CAMBODIA. UNDER THE SCENARIO OUTLINED PARA 2.C. REF B THE TWO SHIPMENTS OF RICE FROM KOREA WOULD BE COMPLETELY EXHAUSTED BY DECEMBER 7TH. THE MINIMAL STOCK LEVEL WILL BE REACHED THREE WEEKS PRIOR TO THIS DATE, I.E., NOVEMBER 16TH. ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS OF RICE THEREFORE
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WILL BE REQUIRED BEFORE NOVEMBER 16.

3. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT 10 DAYS ARE REQUIRED FOR TRANSIT TIME FROM KOREA TO SAIGON AND THAT LOADING/UNLOADING RATE WILL PROBABLY AVERAGE 800 M/TS PER DAY. GIVEN THESE TIMING CONSTRAINTS, IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT WE BE AUTHORIZED TO PROCEED WITH THE BALANCE OF THE KOREAN RICE ASAP PARTICULARLY AS IT IS LIKELY THAT IT WILL BE FIRST NECESSARY TO LOCATE ADDITIONAL SHIPPING AS THE PACIFIC VICTORY AND THE WING PENG MAY NO LONGER BE AVAILABLE FOR SHIPPING THE KOREAN RICE.

4. ADVISE.

5. SEOUL 7113 JUST RECEIVED REITERATES TO US NECESSITY OF PROCEEDING WITH 20,000 M/TS KOREAN RICE AS PLANNED RATHER THAN ON A PIECEMEAL BASIS.
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